

# The BROAD AX

HEW TO THE LINE.

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## A FOOLISH PROPOSITION.

Do those who are proposing to put down trusts by legislation have the slightest idea of the job they are going at? A study of the origin of the first of all trusts after the railroad trust will convince any one capable of reasoning that it is impossible to destroy the trust system by legislating directly against them. The oil trust developed out of the railway combine, through which a charge of from two to three dollars was imposed on all the pumps and refiners of oil at the oil regions for every dollar charged against the secret oil company, and the whole of the extra charges was paid over to the latter. Ere long they were receiving some twenty thousand dollars daily from this source and that is how Rockefeller "was blessed by the Almighty [trust] with his wealth," as he calls it. Let that wonderful book by Henry D. Lloyd—"Wealth vs. Commonweal"—and be convinced. It is the most wondrous tale ever written. All the powers of states and nation were evoked to end this trust, great mobs fought it at every foot of its ruthless way, millions on millions of money spend, arsons, explosions, murders and suicides by thousands marked its pathway. All the courts were against it too, and yet never for one hour did it cease to go onward, conquering and to conquer. That was one generation ago and now all forgotten and we come forth like little children to fight a combined living monster a million times more powerful, when all our power was vain in the effort to strangle the newborn thing in its cradle. Then it had been the merest trifle to put an end to it by destroying its cause as was pointed out. One railroad leading from the oil regions to the seaboard, owned and run by the people must have destroyed this oil trust, and if extended over the continent, north and south, east and west must have destroyed the keystone to all the trusts, that is the great railroad empire now dominating this Union.

But, no! Misled, blinded by false leaders as now, we preferred to fight the effect, the little Gummy Oil company and shut our eyes to the cause and promoter—as now we are being hood-winked about the tariff causing the trust. We ask Havemeyer as to the cause of trusts, he who is so deeply interested and he says the tariff, and laughs in his sleeve at the fools who believe him.

There is but one way to break down trust which are among the last labor-saving devices and the greatest. Imitate them. We might just as well try to put down the railroad combine by making laws to do away with the whole system as to fight the trusts as we propose doing. There is but one way to put a limit to the power of trusts and that is for government to build and operate its own railroad system—transcontinentally—build not buy. The government could interline the whole continent with roads, insuring its own acceptances in payment, receivable back for railroad services, and not one cent of debt, as easily as the mormons built their three million temple with acceptances for tithes. There is but this one way out in peace just as once there was one way out of our slave system by righteous and common sense. But as then we went, ill-guided, stiff-necked and hoodwinked to our bloody doom and downward half way to destruction; so now I fear we shall take no light from the past, no lesson from experience though her teaching is plain as the shining sun and the course she marks is simple and cheap even to insignificance with success sure. No free people can endure the burdens we are preparing for our children.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

Attorney Albert Bailey George of 423 Ashland Block, will contribute an article on "Trusts," which will appear in the next issue of The Broad Ax. Mr. George is one of the most forcible, fascinating and logical Afro-American writers in the west and we are rather inclined to believe that he will handle this great subject without gloves. All who desire to read his article should not fail to obtain a copy of The Broad Ax, which can be found on sale at all news stands.

## CLIMBING UPWARD.

Some people may think that in a great city like Chicago no one would take the time nor the pains to read weekly newspapers. But this is an error, and the following persons, who have subscribed recently for The Broad Ax, show that the great reading public continues to patronize and peruse the weekly newspapers:

Hon. Edward Carroll, civil service commissioner, ex-Senator T. T. Allain, Miles J. Devine of Devine and O'Connell, lawyers, Reaper Block, ex-city attorney and member of the executive committee of the Cook County Democratic Club, Dennis J. Swenle the veteran fire marshall, W. H. Clark, assistant corporation council, Mr. Clark is one of Chicago's brightest Afro-American lawyers, Hon. M. F. Dunlap of Dunlap, Russell and company, bankers, Jacksonville, Ill., James J. Gray, north town assessor and member of the executive committee of the Cook County Democratic Club, G. W. Howard, real estate and loan agent, Orange, Cal., M. J. Bohon, 1110 Stone avenue, city contractor, Joseph A. McInerney, lawyer, 124 South Clark street. Mr. McInerney is being urged by his many friends to become a candidate for states attorney. John C. King of King and Gross, attorneys and counselors at law, 87 East Washington street, Detective Geo. L. Braxton, 146 Gladys avenue, Even F. Runyan, lawyer, Ashland Block, Geo. W. Hardy, connected with the city sewer department, 5023 Armour avenue, M. J. Moran of Gray and Moran, attorneys-at-law, Ashland Block, L. A. Simpson of Simpson Bros. paper hangers and decorators, 4838 State street, Mr. Simpson is one of our best Afro-American business men of Chicago. P. J. O'Keefe of Flanagan, O'Keefe and Hunt, lawyers, Ashland Block, Inspector N. Hunt, who knows more people in Chicago than any other single individual connected with the police department. Harvey A. Thompson, late assistant clerk of Harrison street police station, and all-around hustler for Democracy, Jas. A. Quinn, member of the Democratic central committee, 24th ward, and city sealer of weights and measures. Mr. Quinn has unbending faith in the newspapers, and he is ever ready to assist those papers which have the courage to contend for the true principles of Democracy. M. J. Doherty, superintendent of streets and secretary of the 30th Ward Democratic Club. S. A. T. Watkins, assistant prosecuting attorney of Chicago and lawyer, 78 Dearborn street. Congressman Geo. P. Foster, who will be again re-nominated and re-elected in 1900, Congressman Foster is thoroughly convinced that The Broad Ax is capable of accomplishing a great work for the party and he is willing to put his shoulder to the wheel and help push it along. W. C. Coleman, secretary and treasurer of the Coleman Manufacturing company of Concord, N. C. Mr. Coleman stands at the head of the greatest and most successful business enterprise conducted in the interest of the Afro-American race in this country. He is sharp and shrewd and knows a good thing when he sees it. Therefore he is willing to become a supporter of The Broad Ax.

## SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

The reception and literary entertainment given by the Phyllis Wheatley Club last Wednesday evening was in every way a brilliant success. The only thing to mar the occasion or detract from its merit in our judgment was the cake walk which we are unalterably opposed to. It certainly does not add dignity, culture or refinement to an affair of this kind.

Mr. A. B. George was the first on the program and the paper read by him was excellent, while he was engaged in throwing beautifully scented bouquets in the laps of the ladies it seemed as though many of them wanted to claim him as their own. Mr. George certainly did himself proud and all who heard him believed that he was the whole or the real thing.

Several classical selections were rendered on the piano by Miss Amelia Scott, and the recitations were up to the standard. Dancing was indulged in by those who dance at the close of the program.

## OUR LETTER FROM THE LAND OF THE SAINTS.

(Salt Lake City, Utah.—Special to the Broad Ax.)

Rev. A. Wagner returned Friday from Colorado Springs, where he has been in attendance at conference. He comes to us for another year.

Mrs. T. J. Johnson has been quite ill the past week but is improving.

Miss Buelah Jackson, who has been very ill for some time, has gone to Denver to take treatment of a specialist, and her many friends are glad to hear she is steadily improving.

Mrs. Rosa Brown and Gertrude and Isabel Stevens have returned from a pleasant visit to Denver and Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Lincoln Jones left last week for an extended visit to her old home in Missouri.

W. S. Wearing, one of our oldest and most respected colored men and deacon of the local baptist church, turned up missing last Monday, and it is presumed he has left for pastures new. He left behind numerous unpaid debts and several worthless checks, and he is badly wanted by the police in consequence, but up to the present no trace of him has been found. Checks and unpaid bills aggregate several hundred dollars besides which he forgot to return Mr. S. W. Young an \$175 diamond which Mr. Young left with him as security for a small loan.

Mrs. Angelina Simpson, who has been very ill for a long time was admitted to the county infirmary Tuesday.

The political pot is beginning to boil in earnest now, and the fall campaign promises to be the liveliest kind of a scrimmage. We hope to have several colored men in the city departments after the smoke of battle clears away.

Ex-Senator Frank J. Cannon, the colored Republican old idol, in a speech delivered at Ogden last week declared he would henceforth be in the democrat camp. It is the more surprising as he was born, raised and elected to the United States senate as a republican.

Among those who have political aspirations this fall are G. H. Gangway, W. W. Taylor, P. C. Howell, H. H. Voss, W. Powell and J. Gordon McPherson and several others less prominent.

We are enjoying splendid weather at present and business was never better there. There is not an idle colored man in the city that cares to work and wages have taken an upward tendency.

More anon. Rex.

## AN INTERESTING MEETING.

The last meeting of the Phyllis Wheatley Club was well attended, the afternoon was all too short for the excellent program. Mrs. Dunsmore read an article by Mrs. Hattie Campbell on Kindergarten work. Mrs. Gray formerly of Memphis, Tenn., but now of Chicago, addressed the Club on Domestic Science and gave the ladies some practical idea on that subject. Mrs. Gray's address was well received and listened to with marked attention.

Miss Euphemia McQuann read an essay on Ockery. Miss Amelia Scott, favored the club with a selection on the piano. The Chronicle just bubbled over with wit and humor. Miss Clara Green, its editor will some day make her mark in the world of newspaper women.

The President, Mrs. L. A. Davis, appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Lizzie Miller and Mrs. Julius F. Taylor to draft new by-laws. The Club discussed the subject of how best to organize a school of Domestic Science in which each member gave suggestions the subject will be further discussed at the next meeting and plans formulated to open a school as soon as possible.

Friday S. Moore head of the city council chamber has designed and executed a novel ink-stand holder which will adorn Mayor Harrison's desk in the council chamber. Mr. Moore feels quite proud over his piece of artistic work and he believes the ink-stand holder will be good enough to be placed on the governors desk at Springfield when the Democratic party takes possession of the state capital.

## CHIPS.

A white hotel clerk of Omaha very recently robbed the safe and eloped with a handsome colored girl.—Ex.

A few evenings ago we passed an hour very pleasantly at the home of M. J. Bohan, 1110 Stone avenue, and all the members of his family, including the misses Bohan, have become interested in our publication.

Attorney W. W. Johnson of 125 S. Clark street has been retained by Mrs. Curtis to assist her to endeavor to secure the release of her husband from the state penitentiary of Tennessee, who was arrested in this city a short time ago.

John J. Harkins, water assessor and member of the executive committee of the Cook County Democratic Club has become a supporter and reader of our paper. Mr. Harkins is full of business but he always finds the time to cordially receive his visitors.

En exchange claims that the black folk of this country are neither Negroes nor colored Americans. After all Ear not Afro-Americans in name, but simply colored Americans. After all Earnest Hogan seems to have been correct in dubbing them unbleached Americans.—Ex.

It is the consensus of opinion with the majority of Negroes who are opposed to the present treatment of the Negro in the United States that any black man who enlists to fight the Filipinos is perfectly satisfied with the abuse heaped upon him in this country.—The Progress.

J. L. Parks, undertaker, 3151 State street, is an all around hustler and wide-awake business man. He keeps his place of business open day and night for the accommodation of his patrons. Mr. Parks is full of race pride and he believes it is his duty to encourage all laudible race enterprises.

So far Attorney W. H. Crow of Pittsfield, Ill., is the only person whose name has been mentioned in connection with the nomination for attorney-general. We understand that Mr. Crow possesses a well trained legal mind and is well qualified in every way for that most important and responsible position.

Col. Beauregard F. Mosely, the noted Afro-American lawyer of Englewood, continues to do business at the old stand, Sixty-third and Halsted streets. The colonel expends his eloquence in aiding the Republican party. But he is of the impression that The Broad Ax is the best paper among our race in the state, and that is the reason why he patronizes it.

Theodore Nelson, secretary of the executive committee of the Democratic State Central Committee has returned home from New York City, where he participated in the Dewey celebration. While in the east Mr. Nelson met Congressman Norton of Ohio and many other promin at Democrats of that section and they assured him that Ohio would be turned over to the Democratic party at the coming election.

Attorney Simon P. Gray, who resides at 218 Archer avenue, has by his affable and pleasant ways ingratiated himself into the confidence of many Afro-American citizens of Chicago and he has quite a few clients among them. Mr. Gray makes a specialty of bankruptcy proceedings, passes upon real estate titles and is always delighted to answer all enquiries pertaining to his business.

Col. A. D. Gash of 84 LaSalle street, Oxford building, who moved here from Provo, Utah a little over a year ago is meeting with extraordinary success in the legal field.

Some of his clients are numbered among the wealthiest and best business men of Chicago. The colonel for the past four years has been a constant reader and supporter of The Broad Ax.

Dr. Walter Watson of Mt. Vernon, Ill., chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee visited this burg the past week. We had the extreme pleasure of making his doctor's acquaintance, and he is very much pleased with The Broad Ax. His letter endorsing and recommending it to the members of the party throughout the state will appear in the next issue of The Broad Ax.

The business portion of the city is

handsomely decorated and illuminated and presents a most enchanting appearance. Every available inch in the down town district is occupied by strangers and visitors who have flocked to the city to join in the festivities and to witness the great parade and laying of the corner stone, which will occur on Monday. The enterprising and patriotic business men and citizens of our city are certainly to be commended for providing such a magnificent celebration.

Master In Chancery George Mills Rogers of 100 Washington street has planked down his subscription to The Broad Ax, and he is of the opinion that it is capable of accomplishing a great work in the way of enlightening the minds of the people on the questions which are now engaging their attention. Before going any further we want to say The Broad Ax would be highly pleased to see one of the judicial robes all upon the shoulders of George Mills Rogers, for he possesses a well trained legal mind and is eminently qualified in every respect to serve as judge of the circuit or superior court.

## SOCIETY ITEMS.

Mr. J. C. DeCellelan, of Quincy, Ill., has purchased the Conservator, of this city.

Mrs. Jackson Gordon returned to the city this week from an extended trip east.

The annual graduation of nurses of Provident hospital will take place on Friday, Nov. 3.

Lawyer Wm. C. McCard will leave Monday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will locate for the future practice of the law.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Doherty returned to the city from their wedding tour are now at home to their many friends 946 Garfield boulevard.

The Misses Myrtle and Willa Hart, of Indianapolis, are in the city visiting their sister, Mrs. Henrietta Jenkins, 6120 Ada street.

Dr. George C. Hall is wearing a handsome badge, indicating that he is a member of the general committee that managed the autumn festival.

Last Sunday afternoon a Young People's Society was organized at Grace church. This society will meet every Sunday at 6 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Joseph Kelly, celebrated his birthday last Monday night at his residence, Thirty-fifth and Dearborn streets. Quite a large company was present to help the doctor enjoy the occasion.

An entertainment for the benefit of Grace Presbyterian church will be given at the church by the board of trustees Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 24, 25 and 26. A bazaar will be given at the same time.

Mr. W. A. Moran will address the Men's Sunday Forum tomorrow at 4 p. m. On Sunday, Oct. 15, Professor W. S. Scarborough, of Wylburforce University, will address the Forum on "The Negro in Literature, as Portrayed and Portrayer."

Hospital day will occur this year on Sunday Oct. 29, on which day, the pastors of the different churches will preach sermons on Provident Hospital. Monday Oct. 30 will be donation day. In the evening of that day, a grand entertainment will be given.

## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.

Chicago, Sept. 16, 1899.

Dear Sir—I am glad to learn of the work that is being done by your paper in behalf of Chicago platform principles. That platform stands for such a government as Jefferson and Lincoln favored, namely, a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and I believe that such a government will prove a blessing to the great majority of the people.

Yours truly,  
W. J. Bryan.

## AGENTS WANTED.

The Broad Ax desires to secure active agents and correspondents in all sections of the country. Liberal commissions will be paid. For terms and further particulars address The Broad Ax, 5046 Armour avenue, Chicago.

July 15th, 1899.

To whom it may concern:  
Julius F. Taylor, who comes to this city well recommended, has begun the publication of "The Broad Ax," which, I am informed, will disseminate Democratic principles and contend for the higher intellectual development of the Afro-American race and mankind in general. While he is thus engaged I bespeak for him the hearty support of all loyal and true friends of Democracy. Respectfully,

Carter H. Harrison.

## FROM SIR WALTER SCOTT.

Sensibility is nature's celestial spring.

Ambition breaks the ties of blood, and forgets the obligations of gratitude.

Tears are the softening showers which cause the seed of heaven to spring up in the human heart.

There is, perhaps, no time at which we are disposed to think so highly of a friend as when we find him standing higher than we expected in the esteem of others.

Teach self-denial and make its practice pleasurable, and you create for the world a destiny more sublime than ever issued from the brain of the wildest dreamer.

Meanness doth contract and narrow our benevolence, and cause us, like serpents, to infold ourselves within ourselves and to turn out our sting to all the world besides.

Adversity is like the period of the former and of the latter rain—cold, comfortless, unfriendly to man and animals; yet from that season have their birth the flowers and the fruit, the date, the rose, and the pomegranate.

The world is a dreamer within a dream; and as we grow older each step is an awakening. The youth awakes, as he thinks, from childhood; the full-grown man despises the pursuits of youth as visionary; and the old man looks on mankind as a feverish dream. Death the last sleep. No! It is the last and final awakening.

## CHURCH AND CLERGY.

In more than 500 American colleges there is today a carefully organized Young Men's Christian association.

There are 42,893 Baptist churches in the United States, an increase of 500 over the number reported last year.

The largest salaries ever paid to clergymen in this country were those of Henry Ward Beecher and Dr. John Hall—\$20,000 to each.

According to the reports made at the recent annual meeting of the American Unitarian association the number of contributing churches rose during last year from 274 to 319, the largest number in the history of the association.

A western preacher named Houldsworth, who had preached for eighty years, died recently in the Halifax (England) almshouse, aged 94 years. He began to preach at 14, and when 80 years of age traveled fifteen miles on a Sunday to conduct services in five places.

The Catholic university has now about it four colleges and novitiates, located in Washington, in furtherance of making it the great center of Catholic educational interests in America. The newest one is the College of the Holy Land, which is to be dedicated on Sept. 17.

## PROGRESS AND REFORM.

The Free Methodist societies of Christian Endeavor number 11,593 members.

Miss Mary Reed is developing a plan of sending the gospel throughout Kumaon by post.

Rev. F. B. Meyer declares, positively, that higher criticism is losing ground in England.

The Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Union comprises seventeen societies, with a membership of 500.

As a result of work begun fifteen years ago, the Congregational Home Missionary society has established 117 churches in fifteen states.

The "Lavender Bag Mission," of London, fills little muslin bags with lavender to send to sick soldiers in the hospitals, and a text card is tied to each bag.

Methodism in England has 4,739 Bands of Hope, with a membership of 440,510, and the temperance societies of the church number 1,564, with 99,875 members.

Some men consider they are economists when they save ten cents by doing \$10 worth of work.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Of a thousand persons only one reaches the age of 100 years.